

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 21 and 47 have been amended to highlight a seemingly inconsequential matter of form, in which an underline was carried through to include a semicolon at the end of an amended clause. Instead of subtly removing the underline from the ending semicolon, double brackets have been used around a semicolon to emphasize that the issue raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 26, 2008, has been addressed.

The seeming inconsequential nature of the matter results from the observation that either as originally submitted or in the present format, Claims 21 and 47 will read exactly the same. It would seem in the best interests of the taxpayers' money that when a minor issue of form has no impact on the reading of a claim, that such a matter could be easily corrected through a number of mechanisms besides the issuance of an Office Action.

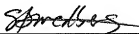
The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 21-24, 45-49, 66-74, and 76-84, the only claims under examination in the instant application. The Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Fee Authorization

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for the timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (order no. 5118US)**. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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